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TELEGRAM

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Action: DS
From: AMEMBASSY CARACAS (CARACAS 1004 - IMMEDIATE)
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Captions: None
Subject: VENEZUELA'S GENERAL STRIKE AS OF 10:30 PM APRIL 13
Ref: A. CARACAS 1002. B. 1001 C. 1000 D. 00998 E. 996 F. 984
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CHAVISTA LEADERSHIP MOVES TO RALLY FOLLOWERS

2. The state television station resumed broadcasting. Pro-Chavez figures, including the Chavez Minister of Labor, are insisting that Chavez never resigned and is still in power. She is asking Chavez supporters to fill the streets in peaceful support of the former president. She also stated that all of the ministers from Chavez's cabinet have assembled at Miraflores Palace and will demand that Chavez be returned.

3. The pro-Chavez representatives at the government television station said that the National Assembly would convene at the station and hold a debate that would be televised for the entire nation. They also claimed that they would hold an investigation into the events of April 11. State television transmissions continue to be broken intermittently.

5. In an interview with CNN en Espanol, ex-Vice President Diosdado Cabello stated that he will assume the Presidency if Chavez is not reinstated.

6. Freddie Bernal, Mayor of the Libertador Municipality in Caracas appeared earlier this evening amongst Chavista demonstrators outside RCTV television studios. It is not clear what Bernal was doing or what he was saying.

7. RCTV employees spoke from an interior room at the station, appealing to the enormous crowd outside for no violence. At the same time they made a plea for police protection. Subsequently, in script at the bottom of the screen, RCTV reported that members of the Bolivarian Circles assembled outside the station had demanded that RCTV broadcast and interview with a representative of the crowd in order to ensure the

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safety of RCTV staff in the building.

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